

This indenture witnesseth that I Reuben Moore one of the Overseers of the poor of Rockingham County by an order of court to me directed and by these presants I bind out Henry Brown apprentice to Richard Patten to learn the art and trade of a blacksmith and after the manner of an apprentice to serve the said Richard Patten from the day of the date hereof for and during unto the full end and term of twenty one years during all which term the said apprentice his said master faithfully shall serve his secrets keep his lawfull commands at all times readily obey he shall do no dammage to his said master nor see it to be done by others without giving notice thereof to his said master he shall not waste his said masters goods nor lend them unlawfully to any he shall not commit fornication nor contract matrimony with in the said term at cards dice or any other unlawfull game he shall not play whereby his said master may have damage with his own goods nor the goods of others without license from his master he shall not buy nor sell he shall not absent himself day nor night from his said masters service without his leave nor haunt alehouses taverns nor play houses but in all things behave himself a faithfull apprentice ought to do during the said term and the said master shall use the utmost of his endeavors to teach or cause to be taught or instructed the said apprentice in the trade or mistery of a blacksmith and to give him the said apprentice sufficient freedom dues and procure and provide for him sufficient meat drink claother washing and lodging fitting for an apprentice during the said term of seven years and give him schooling to read write and cypher as far as the rule of three and doe the true performance of all and singular the covenants and agreements aforesaid the parties bind themselves each to the other firmly by there presants in witness whereof the said parties have interchangeably set their hand and seals here into dated this 20th of May 1789.